

**MINUTES OF HAMILTON COUNTY COUNCIL, December 1, 2010**  
**GENERALIZED SUMMARY**

The Hamilton County Council met in a special work session at 6:16:26 p.m. for discussion on a Hamilton County Tourism Community Development Bond Initiative. Those in attendance included Councilors Steve Schwartz, Rick McKinney, Judy Levine, Meredith Carter, John Hiatt, Brad Beaver and Jim Belden; Council Attorney Jeanette Kassebaum; Sheriff Doug Carter; Convention and Visitor Bureau Executive Director Brenda Myers; HCCVB Guest Betsy Jones and HCCVB Guest Karen Radcliff; Auditor Dawn Coverdale and Chief Deputy Auditor Robin Mills.

From the Hamilton County Convention and Visitor Bureau "Tourism Community Development Visitor Economic Impact Through Large-scale Project Support Executive Summary": The Hamilton County Convention and Visitors Bureau seeks to expand its existing community development program and create greater economic impact. This will be accomplished by using Innkeepers tax dollars to invest in larger tourism projects that will have a long-term and significantly higher return on investment. Directing a portion of community development resources in this manner will have a greater impact by supporting projects that will be open for business more rapidly, attract more visitors, and will allow for the necessary technical support to ensure success and sustainability.

Great places to live make great places to visit. The Hamilton County Convention and Visitors Bureau (HCCVB) supports this philosophy and for the past several years has stewarded an ambitious community development grant program. Often held up by industry peers as a model for success, the program is focused on tourism product development, and paves the way for tourism development as a vital part of community economic development.

The HCCVB envisions a partnership with Hamilton County in the form of an inter-local agreement to finance fewer, larger projects that have been well researched and planned. The Tourism Bond Initiative will leverage a portion of county Innkeeper's tax to bond for higher impact projects. Projects will be collaborative, carefully planned, and unique in nature, and will be vetted through a thorough, transparent, objective process. Smaller scale projects and feasibility studies will continue to be funded through a grant program, using the balance of the community development budget.

It was the consensus of the County Council to revisit the Hamilton County Tourism Community Development Bond Initiative in February 2011.

The work session ended at 6:51:03.

President Carter called to order the regular meeting of the Hamilton County Council at 7:08:25 p.m. Those in attendance were Councilors Rick McKinney, Steve Schwartz, Judy Levine, Meredith Carter, John Hiatt, Jim Belden and Brad Beaver. A quorum was declared by Auditor Dawn Coverdale.

Councilor Judy Levine gave the invocation and led the pledge of allegiance.

7:09:47 Councilor Schwartz moved to approve the minutes of November 3. Councilor Levine seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

**COMMITTEE / OFFICER REPORT** 7:05:44

President: President Carter presented gifts of appreciation to Councilor John Hiatt for 16 years of service to Hamilton County and to Sheriff Doug Carter for his 8 years of service to Hamilton County.

President Carter introduced Sheriff Elect Mark Bowen and Councilor Elect Paul Ayres.

President Carter also discussed beginning the 2012 budget process in January 2011.

Vice President: None

Highway: None

Finance: None

Personnel: None

Miscellaneous: Councilor Hiatt reported that he attended the Master Gardener Association meeting. Councilor Hiatt reported the association began January 4, 1985; in 2010 they had 13,576.75 community volunteer hours; based on volunteers service at a rate of \$17.50 per hour comes to an overall cost savings of \$237,893; membership of 260 in 2010 and growing; have awarded Barney Hobbs Scholarships since 1986; installed "Grow Labs" in elementary schools since 1986 and have a huge Community/Educational involvement.

**COMMISSIONER UPDATE 07:14:45** None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS 07:14:49** None

**TABLED BUSINESS 7:14:50**

Councilor Levine moved to remove the County General EMS additional from the table. Councilor Beaver seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Councilor Beaver moved to no longer reimburse EMS tuition after December 31, 2010 and approve the additional appropriation of \$10,708. Councilor Levine seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Auditor Coverdale will send an email to Ken Williams (Noblesville Fire Department Division Chief, EMS) regarding the action of the Hamilton County Council.

**NEW BUSINESS 07:22:28**

Councilor Levine moved to approve vendor claims. Councilor Belden seconded motion. Motion carried 7-0.

**EMPLOYEE VACANCIES 7:22:46**

Councilor Belden moved to approve County General Corrections 101.012.000.1023 Educator/Facilitator PAT B at minimum \$36,672 effective hire date January 2011. Councilor Levine seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

Councilor Beaver moved to approve County General Superior 5 101.043.000.1005 Criminal/Civil Clerk/Receptionist COMOT B at minimum \$24,601 effective hire date December 2, 2010. Councilor Levine seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

Councilor Hiatt moved to approve County General Superior 1 101.039.000.1308 Part Time Law Clerk at \$15 per hour probable date of hire December 13, 2010. Councilor Beaver seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0.

Councilor Beaver moved to approve County General Clerk 101.009.000.1022 Data Management Clerk COMOT C at minimum \$26,184 effective date of hire December 13, 2010. Councilor Levine seconded the motion. The motion was carried 7-0.

**RESOLUTIONS NOVEMBER 7:29:26**

Councilor Schwartz resolved \$75,000 County Identification Security Protections Fund line item 383.000.000.3713 Contractual Services. Councilor Levine seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

**ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS 7:30:06** Councilor Carter opened public hearing concerning additional appropriations. No public comments.

Councilor Belden moved to approve County General Auditor transfer of funds \$4,000 from line item 101.003.000.1030 Administrative Assistant to 101.003.000.4005 Computer Software. Councilor Levine seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Councilor Belden moved to approve County General Commissioner transfer of funds \$7,000 from line item 101.011.000.3709 Care of Wards to 101.011.000.2001 Supplies. Councilor Hiatt seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Councilor Belden moved to approve County General Council additional appropriation of \$885 to 101.015.000.2001 Supplies. Councilor Hiatt seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

Councilor Beaver moved to approve County General Maintenance transfer of funds \$6,257 from line item 101.019.000.1002 Custodian to 101.019.000.1027 Custodian. Councilor Hiatt seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Councilor McKinney moved to approve County General EMS additional appropriation of \$29,681 to 101.022.000.3743 Tuition. Councilor Schwartz seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Councilor Schwartz moved to allow retro active pay to Officer Joel Stubblefield of \$626.57. Councilor McKinney seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Councilor Schwartz moved to amend 2011 Surveyor 144 Program Manager PAT B line item 101.044.000.1020 \$28,228. Councilor Levine seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Councilor Hiatt moved to approve Rain Day Fund additional 276.000.000.4008 Vehicle for \$250,000. Councilor Schwartz seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Councilor Schwartz moved to approve Park Non-Reverting Operating Fund additional 354.000.000.2004 for \$3,000 and 354.000.000.3713 for \$13,000. Councilor Levine seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Councilor Hiatt moved to amend 2011 Soil and Water Salary Fund 144 Urban Conservationist PAT B line item 571.000.000.5000 \$39,000. Councilor Levine seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Public Hearing closed at 7:41:37

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS 7:41:38**

#### **SHERIFF COMMENTS**

- Sheriff Carter reported that Hamilton County has received the reimbursement from UASI for the Communication Truck.
- The Hamilton County Sheriff Department has received National Accreditation.
- There will be a Dispatcher vacancy that will come before the Council in January 2011
- Reported that the part time dispatcher vacancies shall be filled up to eleven positions. Councilor McKinney moved to reaffirm the replacement up to 11 part time dispatchers. Councilor Levine seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0
- Sheriff Carter thanked everyone for their years of support.

#### **COUNCIL ATTORNEY COMMENTS**

#### **AUDITOR'S COMMENTS**

- Packets contained the 2011 Board Appointments that will need to be made in January 2011.
- Auditor Coverdale presented contract for Mike Reuter in the amount of \$26,400. Councilor Belden moved to approve the contract. Councilor Hiatt seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.
- Councilor McKinney moved to resolve adoption of Jeanette Kassebaum contract for 2011. Councilor Beaver seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.
- Auditor Coverdale reported that Hamilton County did receive Phase One state certification on our new software. Auditor Coverdale thanked everyone involved on this.
- Phase Two certification is scheduled for January 2011.

Meeting adjourned at 7:56:13.

Those present:

Jeanette Kassabaum, Council Attorney  
Major Mark Bowen, Sheriff Dept.  
Dan Stevens, Commissioner Asst  
Besty Jones, HCCVB  
Lori Schwartz, Guest  
Peggy Beaver, Clerk  
Cheryl Ayers, Guest  
Ralph Watson, Community Corrections  
Roger Fulton, ALS Wayne Twp.

Brad Davis, Highway  
Ryan Horine, HCSO  
Donita Hiatt, Guest  
Karen Radcliff, HCCVB  
Mike Howard, Co. Atty.  
Paul Ayers, Council Elect  
Ollie Schierholz, Court Admin  
Daniel Barker, ALS Wayne Twp.  
Margaret Fulton, ALS Wayne Twp.

Diane Nevitt, ALS Wayne Twp.  
Jerry McDonald, ALS Wayne Twp.  
Austin Anton, Student  
Dori Newman, Observer  
Mitch Hazelbaker, ALS Wayne Twp.  
Ashley Dings, Student

Bill Daniels, ALS Wayne Twp.  
Taylor Childers, Student  
Kelsey McBarron, Student  
Larry Newman, Observer  
Marcus Carroll, Student  
Bianca Dicarlo, Sttudent

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Joshua Kats, Student  
Bridget Betances, Student  
Dani Aleksa, Student  
Sheena Randall, HR Director  
Christian Collins, Student

Olivia Cowan, Student  
Liz Henkel, Student  
Jenelle Bruggner, Student  
Wayne Sturtevant, Superior Ct 5  
Chris Hutlon, Student

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President

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Auditor